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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK:

The past few weeks brought out the need for a Widow's Assistance program in the local area. It seems that after a recent newspaper article concerning the Manassas Hamfest, a couple of Widows called and asked for help in disposing of residual equipment without simply putting it into the trash.

Along this particular line, Ham radio is in dire need of new recruits--preferably young ones--and some of this residual equipment with some technical help would certainly help introduce newcomers to the fold.

Changing the subject slightly, I read in the last issue of Reader's Digest, on page 139, that spiders attack the gypsy moth. So far this year, I have collected over eighty here in Manassas Park -- off of TWO oak trees. Banding, as sponsored by the Prince William Cooperative

Extension Service, has resulted in a reduction of the moths.

Enough of that. For the first time in years, I went out WITHOUT my hand-held and guess what -- that's right, while inside the Westgate K-Mart store, I observed an individual fall and call for help. Medical help was required and I could not call it in. After some confusion, store employees finally dialed 911 for help. The moral: Always take the rig along if you can. Emergencies do not wait to see if help is available. Emergency response is probably the most important public contact that Amateur Radio can have. Too, it leaves the public with the knowledge that there is more to it than TVI.

An interesting ham radio item: I recently received a phone call from an individual near Emporia, Virginia (that is a few miles north of the

Listen to the Westlink Report at 8:00 pm Thursday Evenings during the OVH Weekly Bulletin.

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The Editor!

WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO

HELP!!!! HELP!!!! HELP!!!! HELP!!!!

From The President's Shack,
Continued:

North Carolina line). The individual was inquiring regarding the upcoming Volunteer Exams and expressed an intent to attend the Manassas Hamfest. Word sure is getting around.

Tony, W4FOA, has reached the end of his Work days period. Even though he plans to attend the Manassas Hamfest, the packers are due shortly. It seem that W4FOA will be a State of Georgia station within a month or so. Our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy retirement Tony. Please let us know when you get back to visit the area -- and probably listen in on the morning/evening rush hours--probably make you glad you retired and moved.

See you all Monday Night at the meeting.

73's

Harry (W4PVA)

TREASURER'S CHEST

The OVH is an ARRL affiliated Club and as such, your Club can receive a rebate for each ARRL renewal or new membership that is paid for through the Club. It does not cost you extra, in fact, you save the 25 cent postage!

If you are not a member of the ARRL, or need to renew your membership, help out your club by signing up or renewing throught the OVH. See Ken Moan (N4NLO), Membership Chairperson, or myself, Steve (N4OGR).

During cleanup of the OVH Manassas Hamfest, Sunday, June 4th, 1989, an IBM Typewriter, which was for sale on the OVH For Sale Table, disappeared. If anyone has seen, or knows of, its whereabouts, please contact Mike Hawley (KC4IRL).

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Education Chairman -- Dick Miller
(WD4AZG)

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Bonnie Frick (N4QPB)

Program Chairman -- Jeff Barr
(KB4IWD)

UPGRADES:

Joe Tutino -- upgraded to
Advanced!!!!

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!

LET'S WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Conrad Johnson (KC4HSB)
Scott Bellefeuille (No Call)

WELCOME!!!! WELCOME!!!! WELCOME!!!!



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Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

1989 MANASSAS HAMFEST / COMPUTER SHOW

OPEN LETTER TO ALL OVH MEMBERS

June 6, 1989

Dear Friends,

Greg and I would like to thank everyone who helped with the 1989 Hamfest. The final figures for the event are not yet available, but I would like to say that success can be measured in many ways. The companionship and cooperation of all the OVH members over the past year has provided us with many wonderful memories. The many newspaper articles about the Hamfest has given our local community a new view of our Club and the hobby of Amateur Radio. Our lack of major problems and ease of set up and clean up can also be considered part of our success. Working as a team we also showed ourselves, once again, what we can accomplish.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Joseph Tutino, Jr. (KB4VHK)
1989 Hamfest Chairman

Greg Brunacci (N4RKV)
1989 Hamfest Co-Chairman

PS. Now the planning for 1990 can officially start.

GENERAL INTEREST

EEB Is On The Move:

EEB is moving to 137 Church Street, Vienna, Virginia.

(Go up Mill Street and make a right at the STOP sign. Just three blocks to #137 on the right).

SKYWARN Update:

When development of severe weather appears likely in a given area, the Severe Storms Forecast Center initiates an alert status known as WATCH. A severe Weather WATCH means simply that conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and possibly tornadoes.

The WATCH is transmitted to public service and emergency agencies and also the general public by way of NOAA radio, broadcast radio and TV notices.

Should further developments warrant, the regional forecast office will upgrade the alert status to WARNING. WARNINGS are issued only when severe weather activity has actually been confirmed by ground observation.

In this area, SkyWarn activities are based in Camp Springs, MD. Upon receiving a WATCH from the Severe Storms Forecast Center, the duty forecaster begins a Skywarn activation by telephoning one or more amateur operators who are on a Control Operator Standby list and requests that a SkyWarn Radio Net be setup. When the Net Control Operators (NCO) arrive, they are briefed and along with the forecaster, they study radar reports to determine the location of the threatened areas. The forecaster will tell the NCO the type of ground report information he wants and

which areas to check first. Having the forecaster's request in mind and a radar picture, the NCO determines how best to approach the situation, what repeaters to use, etc.

The Skywarn operators are able to establish repeater coverage throughout most of the forecast office area. This area includes the northern third of Virginia, part of the West Virginia panhandle, Washington, DC and the M d. Counties along the Potomac River.

Upon accessing a repeater in a threatened area, the NCO identifies himself and announces that a Skywarn net is being established. If time permits, the NCO will briefly describe the situation and then request reports of severe weather. The NCO should specify the type of observations needed. The NWS forecasters are primarily interested in reports of strong winds, presence and size of hail, rainfall amounts, lightning, direction the storm is moving and, especially, if there is any tornado funnel cloud developments.

Stations responding to requests for ground observations should come back with their call sign only. When recognized, they should indicate their location and describe the weather conditions they are observing. Since time is often critical in Skywarn operations, spotter reports should be clear, concise and as accurate as possible. Wind speed may be estimated, but should be identified as such. If there are no severe conditions observed at the spotters locations, no report should be given unless the NCO asks for reports of general weather conditions.

Once a Skywarn net is established on a repeater, spotter stations are encouraged to remain available until the threat of severe weather has passed. There will be times when

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some will wonder why a net has been established, when the only weather conditions they see are sunshine and blue skies. What may not be apparent to those in the field but obvious on the NWS radar screens, is that one or more developing storm cells are headed their way.

After receiving reports from a repeater coverage area, the NCO continues to monitor the frequency or moves to another repeater, depending on the needs of the duty forecaster. Before moving off frequency, the NCO should advise the spotters where he is moving the net or an alternate frequency. In some cases, this will allow ground observers to continue to make reports in case severe weather develops after the net has moved.

During Skywarn, the operative word is often "patience". If there is nothing to report, just monitor the traffic if possible. Your turn will come. If not this time, maybe the next time Skywarn is activated.

Information taken and condensed from the June 1989 Issue of **Auto-Call**

Steve (N4OGR)

It is difficult to inspire others to accomplish what you haven't been willing to try!

American Red Cross

Prince William Chapter

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

CPR		8 hours each course		- \$25.
July 8	Saturday	Dale City Rec.	9 am - 6 pm	
July 10,17,24	Monday	Chapter House	7 pm -10 pm	
August 5	Saturday	Dale City Rec.	9 am - 6 pm	
August 7,14,21	Monday	Chapter House	7 pm -10 pm	
STANDARD FIRST AID		8 hours each course		- \$30.
July 8	Saturday	Chapter House	9 am - 6 pm	
July 15 & 22	Saturday	Dale City Rec.	9 am - 1 pm	
August 5	Saturday	Chapter House	9 am - 6 pm	
August 12	Saturday	Dale City Rec.	9 am - 6 pm	

Please call 368-4511 for information on how to register.

SWAP & SHOP

For Sale:

Two Hustler 2 Meter Executive Antennas -- \$ 25.00 each.

One Palomar Engineering Noise Bridge -- \$ 59.95

One Goldstar Digital Multimeter -- \$ 49.95

One MFJ 2 pos. Coax Switch -- \$21.95

One ARRL World Map -- \$10.00

All of the above are new and never used.

Contact Joe Tutino (KB4VHK)

NEXT MEETING:

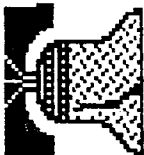
The next meeting of the OVHARC will be held on Monday night, June 19th, 1989, at 8:00 p.m. in the basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

The Field Day Site will be announced at the June Meeting!

Hope to see you there!

73's

CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY

18 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 FATHER'S DAY HAMFEST FREDERICK, MD	19 OVH CLUB MEETING	20	21 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.31/91	22 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	23	24 WOODBIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 VEC EXAMS LAUREL, MD FIELD DAY
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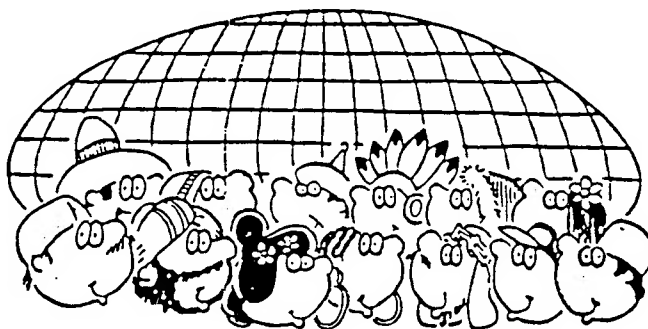
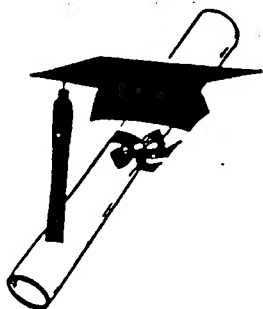
NOTES: 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.
2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.



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